



Weekly Information & Communication



Weekly WIC Newsletter

July 10, 2017

A Couple of Reminders...

Our next conference call is at 9 am on August 3rd. Please mark your calendars as we will be discussing State Plan policy and format updates, and sharing information about eWIC pilot and upcoming statewide rollout. We will post the agenda at a later date, and have the link to the webex login live on our online calendar.

By now everyone should have received their stock of participant surveys. A high response rate will really help inform our outreach and quality improvement efforts going forward. Please continue to ask everyone to complete a survey.

We are gearing up for FFY 18 contracts, please send back the contract worksheets that were emailed out previously and posted in the July 3rd newsletter (they are due July 14th).

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Conference Call

The next BPCP conference call will be Thursday, July 27, 2017. If you have any agenda items for the call, please provide them to [Chris](#) by Friday, July 21, 2017.

CLIA Certifications

All WIC clinics are required to be covered under a CLIA certification in order to complete any lab work, which for us includes hemoglobin testing. The State office has a CLIA certification that we renew biannually and covers all of the WIC clinics for this procedure. Local clinics may also have CLIA certs that cover other activities throughout the agency. If you are paying for a certification that ONLY covers WIC, you can let that go, as you are already covered. Contact the state office if you need the certificate number for verification/proof.

Reports

[Benefits Issued and Redeemed May 2017](#), [Breastfeeding and Peer Counselor Report June 2017](#), [Participation Report July 2016-June 2017](#)

Breastfeeding Grand Rounds Webinar

The University of Albany School of Public Health presents a breastfeeding-related webinar each year during World Breastfeeding Week. This year the webinar will be *The Impact of Social and Cultural Values on Breastfeeding Practice and Strategies to Address Disparities*. It will air live on August 3, 2017, at 6:30 am to 8:30 am (Montana time zone in the early morning). The cost is free. Click [here](#) to find out more or register.

Annual Civil Rights Training

As a reminder, the annual civil rights training is due August 31st. All WIC staff must login into [E-Learn](#) and select the Civil Rights Training module. If you need assistance logging into E-Learn please contact [Dick](#) or [Lacy](#) at the state office. You will **not** have to submit the sign in form to the state office; this will be tracked electronically going forward.

Kinship Care Policy Report -Annie Casey Foundation

Check [here](#) to view a report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation on Kinship care. This report provides recommendations on how government and communities can best support kinship families, and statistics on the increasing prevalence on kinship care in our communities.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk factor 411](#) Inappropriate Nutrition Practices for Infants is defined as routine use of feeding practices that may result in impaired nutrient status, disease, or health problems.

Some examples of when this code could be used include: Routinely using nursing bottles or cups improperly (i.e. fruit juice in bottle, allowing infant to sleep with bottle), routinely feeding inappropriately diluted formula, routinely offering complementary foods or other substances that are inappropriate in type or timing..... any many more! Please review the attached guidance for more details and justification.

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